

## CLAIM AMENDMENT

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Please cancel claims 39 and 40 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Listing of Claims:

1-20 (previously cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A process for producing sustained skin rejuvenation, comprising the steps of

- a) initially applying retinoic acid to the skin;
- b) exploding a contaminant on the surface of the skin with laser light, said laser light having a pulse duration of about 0.001 to about 1 microsecond, a wave length of from about 800 nm to 1200nm, and a fluence of from about 1 to 3 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, and wherein said exploding a contaminant on the surface of the skin leaves the epidermis intact and normal ~~undamaged~~ and produces a wound ~~selectively~~ in the high dermis,
- c) applying retinoic acid to the skin 4 to 16 times per month after step b); and
- d) repeating step b) at least once every 6 months during step c), wherein steps c) and d) produce a sustained rejuvenation of the skin.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 21 wherein the step of initially applying retinoic acid to the skin comprises two weeks.

24. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 21 wherein exploding a contaminant on the surface of the skin of the face with laser light is completed within about two to ten minutes.

25. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 24 wherein exploding a contaminant on the surface of the skin of the face with laser light is completed within about four minutes.

26. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 21 wherein the step of exploding a contaminant on the surface of the skin with laser light after initially applying retinoic acid to the skin is performed two to twelve times within a six month period.

27. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 26 wherein the step of exploding a contaminant on the surface of the skin with laser light after initially applying retinoic acid to the skin is performed six times within a six month period.

28. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 21 wherein said laser light has a pulse frequency of from about 1 to 20 per second.

29. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 21 wherein said laser light has a wave length of about 1064nm, a pulse frequency of about 10 per second, a pulse duration of about 0.01 microsecond, and a fluence of about 2.5 J/cm<sup>2</sup>.

30-32 (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 21 wherein said retinoic acid is applied topically at a concentration of from about 0.05% to 1 % without producing side effects.

34. (Original) The process of claim 33 wherein said retinoic acid is applied topically at a concentration of about 0.1 %.

35. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 21 wherein said process is used to improve the appearance of broken blood vessels, angiomas, scars, lines, wrinkles, pigmentation, and redness in the skin.

36. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 21 wherein said process is used on acne, warts, cold sores, eczema, psoriasis, and infections of the skin.

37. (Original) The process of claim 29 wherein said laser light is produced by a Qswitched Nd:YAG laser.

38. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 21 wherein exploding said contaminant on the surface of the skin produces a wound in the rete peg area of the high dermis.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Cancelled)